REPORT

OF THE

CHIEF INSPECTOR OF MINES IN MYSORE

FOR THE YEAR 1909-10.

A.—INTRODUCTORY.

LEASES AND LICENSES.

The number of licenses and leases granted or renewed is shown in the following statements :—

EXPLORING LICENSES.

District.	1908.	1909.	1910 January to June.	——
Bangalore ...	...	1	...	
Kolar ...	3	3	...	
Tumkur ...	...	2*	...	* One in Kunigal Taluk only.
Mysore ...	4	5	3	In 1909 one license in each of these Districts was granted with preferential right for Cerium, Thorium and Uranium.
Hassan ...	1	4	1	
Shimoga ...	2	2	...	
Kadur ...	1	3	...	
Chitaldrug ...	2	1	...	
TOTAL ...	13	21	4	

PROSPECTING LICENSES.

Mineral.	District.	1908. Number of licenses.		1909. Number of licenses.		1910 up to end of June. Number of licenses.	
		Issued.	Renewed.	Issued.	Renewed.	Issued.	Renewed.
General; for all Minerals.	Kolar	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Hassan	...	11	...	...	...	...
	Shimoga	3	1	...	...	...	...
	Kadur	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Chitaldrug	4	1	...	...	...	...
Manganese.	Tumkur	1	1	...	4	...	...
	Hassan	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Shimoga	4	16	...	19	...	11
	Kadur	2	...	...	2	...	2
	Chitaldrug	11	5	...	14	...	4
Chrome.	Mysore	1	7	1	7	1	3
	Hassan	...	...	...	2	...	...
	Shimoga	...	2	...	1	...	...
	Kadur	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Chitaldrug	...	1	...	...	...	...
Mica, Asbestos and certain rare Minerals.	Tumkur	...	...	...	1	...	...
	Mysore	1	1	1	1	4	1
	Hassan	...	...	...	3	...	...
	Shimoga	2	...	1	...	...	...
	Kadur	2	...	3	...	...	...
	Chitaldrug	2	...	...	...	...	...
Gold and Copper.	Kolar	1	...	1	2	1	1
	Tumkur	1	5	...	...	...	...
	Mysore	...	...	1	...	...	..
	Shimoga	2	6	4	5	1	1
	Kadur	2	7	...	10	7	8
	Chitaldrug	...	1	...	2	...	1
Green Stone.	Shimoga	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Kadur	1	...	...	1	...	1
Corundum.	Kolar	2	...	...	2	...	2
	Tumkur	...	...	...	...	1	...
	Mysore	1	...	...	...	...	...
Lead.	Shimoga	1	...	...	...	...	...
Garnets.	Hassan	...	...	1	...	...	...
	Total ...	48	66	13	76	15	35

MINING LEASES.

Number of Leases issued.

District.	1908.	1909.	1910 up to end of June.	——
Kolar ...	1	1	13*	* Documents actually executed on 25th October 1910, but have effect from 22nd March 1910.
Mysore ...	...	1	...	
TOTAL ...	1	2	13	

The leases of the mines on the Kolar Gold Field under the management of Messrs. John Taylor and Sons terminated on the 22nd of March, 1910, and these have been replaced by fresh leases for a period of 30 years from that date. The principal feature of the new leases is the provision of an additional royalty of 2½ % on all dividends in accordance with the terms of the Memo. of Agreement of 21st December, 1901.

A portion of the Tank Block which lies between the Nundydroog and Oriental blocks was surrendered to Government under mutual agreement amongst the companies interested and the surrendered portion has been included in the new lease granted to the Nundydroog Co. This will facilitate the working of the Oriental block by the Nundydroog Co. and it is interesting to note that some very good ore has been opened up in the surrendered strip below the depth at which the Tank Block operations were suspended.

The Revised Rules for the grant of leases and licenses are now in the press and will be available shortly.

The Rules for the conduct of mining operations have been under revision during the year and are now engaging the attention of Government and may be expected to be issued during the ensuing year.